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## ASEM eNews

November 2019

### *From the President's Corner...*

It is an honor to be serving as the President of ASEM for the coming year. I believe that our society has so much to offer. Not only do we possess a large part of the supporting knowledge base for the discipline of engineering management, which includes theoretical foundations as well as industrial applications, but we are also involved in the delivery of many excellent products and services that help people who manage in technology-driven organizations. As engineers progress through their career and some decide to move into management, ASEM can provide support through the engineering management knowledge and products but also crucially through access to a network of like-minded individuals. This can help engineers, as well as other STEM professionals, to make the transition from being a technical specialist to a manager. ASEM has of course its traditional reach across USA but for many years there has been an international dimension to the profile and work of the society – including participation in the ASEM International Annual Conferences as well as involvement of international people in the work of the society (including myself and others). ASEM is therefore in a good position to serve the needs of engineering managers across academic knowledge and industrial dimensions as well as from an international perspective.



In October we held the International Annual Conference in Philadelphia, which as usual was another resounding success. In fact this year was the 40th annual conference, which again benefited from an excellent range of technical papers and sessions as well as inspirational keynote presentations and other activities. I would like to thank the host conference team from Drexel and Temple Universities, including Julie Drzymalski, Richard Grandrino and Chris Morse, for their excellent work organizing the conference. I would also like to thank both the technical program team and logistics team for the conference, including Ean Na, Heather Keathlev,

Libby Schott, Caroline Krejci, Kenneth McDonald and Greg Sedrick, for their efforts to ensure the high technical quality of the conference and that the logistics ran smoothly. The ASEM world headquarters contributes significantly to the conference and wider operations of the society and I would therefore like to acknowledge Paul Kauffmann, Gene Dixon and Angie Cornelius for all their efforts.

ASEM is a volunteer society and I would like to thank all of those involved in the work of the society, including those who serve on the board of directors. Recently and over the last year, Frances Alston, Patricia Anzalone, Neal Lewis, Peter McKenny, Charles Daniels and Dock Clavon, have stepped down from the board of directors and I would like to acknowledge their service. I would like to welcome our new members of the board of directors (either new to the board or in new positions), including Greg Sedrick, Ruwen Qin, Jena Asgarpoor, Elizabeth Gibson, Bill Schell, Ona Egbue, Gana Natarajan, James Enos, Mike Parrish and Patricia McDonald. I would also like to offer a special thank you to Suzie Long, who recently completed her annual term as President and provided excellent leadership for the society to ensure its continued success.

Looking forward for the next year, I am excited to be leading the society as it continues to develop and deliver the various activities and initiatives. If you would like to become more involved in the work of the society, please do let me know. Finally, I would like to finish by repeating a message I gave at the closing of the conference evening dinner in Philadelphia – the message was that it is a great time to be an engineering manager – helping to tackle a range of societal and industrial challenges that exist as well as pursuing many technological opportunities. ASEM is well positioned to support engineering managers in such endeavors and through being a member of the society we can all be part of this journey.

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### *Call for Papers - Join us in Denver!*

Abstracts and proposals are now being accepted for the 41st ASEM IAC. The "Engineering Management Entrepreneurship and Innovation" themed event will take place 28th – 31st October 2020 at The Curtis-Denver Hotel. Hosted by University of Colorado Boulder, College of Engineering and Applied Science, Engineering Management Program, this is an event you won't want to miss!

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*From the ASEM Membership Director*

Greetings, This is a call to action to support ASEM. We are starting a membership drive and need your help.

Have you benefited from being an ASEM professional member? Would you like to motivate other engineering professionals to join ASEM as a professional member so they too may benefit?

If yes, we have a simple request for you this holiday season. Please use every interaction with engineering professionals as an opportunity to showcase ASEM and the value it can provide. People you meet at work, in personal life or other gatherings. If everyone of existing ASEM professional members successfully conveys ASEM's value to at least 1 person, our community will grow tremendously. More members lead to enhanced interactions, meaningful learning and growth for everyone.

I wish everyone a very happy holiday season!

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*Congratulations to the 2019 ASEM Award Winners!*

**Bernard R. Sarchet Award**

Heather Nachtmann

**Frank Woodbury Special Service Award**

Paul Componation

**Engineering Manager of the Year Award**

Michael O'Connor

**ASEM Fellow**

Kenny McDonald  
Ean Ng  
Jim Schreiner  
Brian Smith  
Larry Stauffer

**Merritt Williamson Award  
Best IAC Paper**

Halil I. Ozdemir  
C. Ariel Pinto  
Resit Unal  
Charles B. Keating  
Colin Britcher  
*Old Dominion University*

**Meritorious Service Award**

Larry Stauffer

**Meritorious Service Award**

Denise Engebrecht

**Engineering Management Best Dissertation Award**

Samareh Moradpour

**Founder's Award – Undergraduate**

Missouri University of Science and Technology

**Founder's Award – Graduate**

Missouri University of Science and Technology

**Founder's Award – Student Chapter**

University of Colorado - Boulder

**Eschenbach Award for the Best EMJ Paper**

Vittal Anantatmula

Parviz F. Rad

**Merl Baker Award – Best International Annual Conference Student Paper**

Samuel Vanfossan

*Missouri University of Science and Technology*

**William Daughton World Headquarters Service Award**

Neal Lewis

### **Graduate Scholarship Recipient**

Samuel Vanfossan

*Missouri University of Science and Technology*

### **Past Presidents of the Society Award**

Suzanna Long

### **Undergraduate Scholarship Recipient**

Amanda Banks

*University of Alabama in Huntsville*

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### *Student Chapter Highlight*

ASEM at the University of North Texas became a recognized student chapter in November 2017. ASEM UNT was instrumental in reinstating the Denton County Boosting Engineering, Science and Technology (DC BEST) organization. The DC BEST organization provides a six week robotics extracurricular competition among the local high/middle schools. UNT hosted the Fall 2018 event with tremendous support from ASEM student members. DC BEST became the main project for the ASEM UNT student group.

This year they are being led by student chapter president, Joseph Murray, and faculty advisor, Leticia Anaya, PhD. At the beginning of the Fall 2019 semester, a kick-off meeting was held. Past-president of the student chapter, Jeffrey Gittle, now at Raytheon, spoke to students about the benefits of joining the student group and getting students excited and involved.

The ASEM UNT have maintained their involvement with DC BEST, with the upcoming Fall 2019 competition. Over the summer, they held an electronic workshop for the local high school and middle school teachers, hosted DC BEST Kickoff, and have been involved in constructing the game field for the upcoming competition.

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## *Job Opportunities*

[Click here](#) to potentially find your next career adventure, or to find out how you can advertise your employment opportunities to the EM community.

Featured listings:

***Adjunct Faculty Pool 12/01-04/30/2020***

: Stevens Institute of Technology, School of Systems and Enterprises

***Professor, (ALL RANKS) in Distributed Data and Computing 10/30-1/01/2020***

: Arizona State University

***Assistant/Associate Professor, Engineering Management and Technology 10/02-01/31/2019***

: University of Tennessee - Chattanooga

***Assistant Professor of Practice in the Master of Engineering Management (MEM) nontenure track 09/09-12/01/2019***

: University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL)

***Professor of Engineering Management 10/18-12/01/2019***

: Harvey Mudd College

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